

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

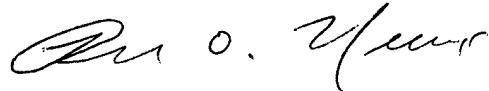
Claims 2-13, 15-21 and 23-31 stand allowed.

Claims 1, 14 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kumar et al US Patent No. 6,097,954. Applicants proposed an amendment to Claims 1, 14 and 22 to overcome the Kumar reference, in an amendment sent to the USPTO on July 14, 2004. In an Advisory Action dated October 8, 2004, the Examiner refused to enter the above identified amendment on the grounds that "they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search". In order to further prosecution on the present application, Applicant has canceled Claims 1, 14 and 22 from the pending application but anticipates filing a continuation application to further pursue Claims 1, 14 and 22 which Applicant believes are allowable over the cited references.

An amendment after a final rejection should be entered when it will place the case either in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. 37 C.F.R. 1.116; MPEP 714.12. This amendment places the case in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-13, 15-21 and 23-31 stand allowed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application as the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,



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